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SUBJECT: WPVP ORGAN CITES GOG PURCHASES OF HELICOPTERS AND ARMS

1. WORKING PEOPLE'S VANGUARD PARTY (WPVP) ORGAN CREOLE OF JANUARY 9 FOCUSED ON RECENT PURCHASE OF HELICOPTERS AND ARMS BY GOG. CREOLE NOTED THAT GOG HAD RECEIVED THREE HELICOPTERS FROM BELL HELICOPTER AND THAT SALE WAS APPROVED BY USG OFFICE OF MUNITIONS CONTROL. ARTICLE MAINTAINED THAT SEVERAL GDF PERSONNEL HAD BEEN TRAINED IN US TO MANAGE COMPLICATED MILITARY EQUIPMENT.

2. CREOLE ASKED HOW USG CAN SIMULTANEOUSLY BE AIDING AND ATTEMPTING TO DESTABILIZE GOG. THAT CONTRADICTION SUPPORTS WPVP POSITION THAT DESTABILIZATION IS RUDE BY GOG AS EXCUSE FOR ECONOMIC FAILURES.

3. CREOLE ALSO REVEALED THAT 40 TRUCK LOADS OF ARMS HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM CUBA. DENOUNCING INCREASING
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MILITARIZATION, ARTICLE WARNED JAGAN HIMSELF MIGHT BECOME VICTIM OF HIS ALLEGIANCE TO CUBA AND RUSSIA AND HIS CRITICAL SUPPORT OF GOVERNMENT.

4. SAME EDITION OF CREOLE NOTED THAT WPVP HAD CALLED ATTENTION TO ROLE OF CIA IN GUYANA IN SIXTIES, AND EMPHASIZED THAT EXPOSES IN PNC PARTY ORGAN NEW NATION

HAD AVOIDED DISCUSSION OF CIA ACTIVITY IN GUYANA WHICH SUPPOSEDLY HELPED BURNHAM COME TO POWER.

5. COMMENT PURCHASE OF HELICOPTERS WAS REPORTED IN LOCAL PRESS BUT RECEIPT OF ARMS WAS NOT. THREE NEW HELICOPTERS REPORTEDLY BRINGS TOTAL GDF FLEET TO SIX. EMBASSY HAS HEARD REPORTS OF ARMS RECEIVED FROM CUBA BUT HAS BEEN UNABLE TO CONFIRM INFORMATION. REPORTS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES INDICATED THAT TWO TO FOUR SHIPS ARRIVED FROM CUBA CARRYING CRATES BELIEVED TO CONTAIN SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION WHICH WERE DELIVERED TO GDF COMPOUND. PARTS OF ARMS SHIPMENT HAVE SUPPOSEDLY BEEN DISPATCHED TO SEVERAL LOCATIONS IN INTERIOR.

6. CIRCULATION OF THE WPVP ORGAN IS SMALL AND WPVP ITSELF IS A MINISCULE POORLY ORGANIZED LEFTIST PARTY, BUT CREOLE MAKES SOME CAUSTIC POINTS. PEOPLE DO SEEM INCREASINGLY SKEPTICAL OF GOVERNMENT'S USE OF DE-STABILIZATION AS EXPLANATION FOR ALL PROBLEMS. DESTABILIZATION PROPAGANDA DOES NOT SEEM TO BE HAVING DESIRED EFFECT OF PROMOTING UNITY AND SOCIALIST DISCIPLINE TO SUPPORT AUSTERITY MEASURES AND INCREASED DEFENSE SPENDING.

7. AMONG GUYANESE POPULACE THERE IS BELIEF, OR AT LEAST SUSPICION, THAT CIA AIDED BURNHAM IN EARLY SIXTIES. CFOMLE ARTICLE IS FIRST PUBLICATION TO PROBE THIS SENSITIVE SUBJECT.
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